

# The Fulcrum



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# College up for re-accreditation

By RICK TUTTLE

Every aspect of the college will be looked at and evaluated next week culminating three years of self-study.

A team of 10 educators and administrators from the Middle States Association will be on campus April 1-4 to see first-hand how the college functions.

The visit is part of a mandatory re-accreditation process the college must complete every 10 years so that the degrees it grants are accredited. Without it students would have difficulty transferring credits and their credentials would be of less value to employers.

The team has received has copies of a BCC Self Study Report dated Feb. 28. Thomas Crandell, BCC psychology professor, is chairman of the Middle States Steering Committee that conducted the report, and editor of it.

Over the course of those four school days, Crandell said, the evaluation team will feel free to speak with contributors of the report as well as go into classes and talk to students and faculty.

Crandell said he expects the team will "substantiate what we said, pro and con." He also said Middle States should find "the self study to be an extremely well thought and well written report."

Every five years, Middle States makes "check-ups." Crandell said five years ago the accreditors found BCC had "too many adjunct instructors that were either left hanging or not incorporated into the mainstream use of offices, meetings, and

resources."

Crandell said that Middle States found BCC was also in need of a more "proactive approach to minorities, both of ethnicity and gender." Crandell agrees that this is an "issue BCC still hasn't dealt with. We've never really had a systematic plan as such."

The Middle States Steering Committee was formed three years ago and then-interim President Murray Block asked Crandell to head it. But just possessing experience in research was not enough, Crandell said. Middle States had a specific method of organization it wanted followed.

The six areas studied were academic division, students affairs and admissions, plant and equipment, planning, budgeting, and accounting, and organization and administration.

In each area, special emphasis was given to four issues: general education, the changing needs of part-time students, the infrastructure, and Plan C.

The infrastructure includes the conditions of buildings and classrooms. Plan C is a proposal for more financial autonomy from the county legislature, or in Crandell's words, "the de-politicalization of the college."

Crandell said BCC has a good relationship with the legislature, but that a lot depends on who fills those seats. Right now BCC is on a modified Plan C.

After the research was completed, a

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Soviet high school student Sergei Yolkin, 15, tries out the treadmill as Duanne Whitaker, director of the Health and Fitness Center, gives him an uphill battle. Marina Vasilyevna, 15, looks on. For another photo see page 3. (Eric Meyer photo)

## Soviets get taste of BCC student life

By BILL WOLCOTT  
Editor

East met West on Friday, March 16 when seven Soviet high school students and their teacher luncheoned and toured BCC with Student Government Association executive officers and advisors.

The group is from Borovichi, Binghamton's sister city in the Soviet Union, and are part of an educational exchange with Vestal High School sponsored by the US-USSR High School Academic Partnership Program. The students have been staying with area residents since March 11 and will be attending classes at Vestal until April 5.

The Soviet group had its first taste of life at BCC while meeting with SGA's delegation over a table filled with pizza, potato chips, apple pie and Coke. After the luncheon the students toured the East Gym, the Health and Fitness Center, the Computer Aided Design Lab, and finally the Student Union.

"The people that I have met in the United States have been very friendly towards me and the (other) Soviet students," Sergei Yolkin, 15, said after receiving a cheer from the group for making three out of four baskets. "America is a

very beautiful country."

"All of you (Americans) are very friendly and hospitable," a shy Elena Apelbaum, 16, said after a demonstration of the equipment in the Fitness Center by David Maslar, student activities director, and Douglas C. Gamar, History/Sociology department chairperson.

Margarita Prokofyeva, an English teacher in the Soviet Union, said that one difference between Americans and Soviets is that Americans "have no problems."

"They (Americans) have much free-time, so they spend much time with the bringing-up of the children. They can go shopping everywhere, they can buy whatever they want. It's quite different than our country."

In the Soviet Union schools only go to the eleventh-grade and the students attend classes six day a week, Prokofyeva said.

The most impressive thing that Prokofyeva has seen in her two trips to the United States was the people.

"They're always smiling," she said. "They like to meet us and they are always willing to help us with any difficulties."

At the end of the two-hour tour of campus students from both countries exchanged gifts.

## College opens its doors

By BILL WOLCOTT  
Editor

Under the banner of "Celebrate BCC," college will be opening its doors for the first major open house in four years, on Saturday, April 7.

According to Charles J. Quagliata, vice-president of institutional advancement, there are two reasons for open house.

"One is to be sure that all people in this area who financially support the college, have an opportunity to get up here and see what they're paying for," Quagliata said, "This is a chance to show it off."

"The second purpose is for recruitment effort. There are high school students out there wondering if this is the place to come. Probably better than anything, an open house gives them a chance to catch the flavor of the campus."

"So that when a kid in high school now says, 'I don't want to go to Front Street High.' If he comes here on April 7 he'll find out it's not Front Street High."

In preparation the college has planned a myriad of activities such as guided tours, a tuition raffle, a jazz concert, and a number of lectures and demonstrations of courses and majors on campus.

Open house activities start at 10

a.m. and depending on the activity, last for either a half-hour or hour and go on continuously throughout the day.

According to David Maslar, director of student activities, students are also planning events for open house.

Maslar plans to have an activities fair in the east gym so that the various clubs can recruit members. In addition the rock band Robert's Logic will be playing original hits as well as top 40 in the east gym.

Maslar said he hopes to prove that BCC is not just a commuter campus, "there is more to life than sitting in classes."

"I would like to think that a good portion of the students coming to college that day are returning students. And I really do consider this an open house for them and their families."

In addition to the music provided by the rock band, the music department will have BCC's choir and a jazz ensemble entertaining visitors.

The jazz ensemble will be in the east gym from 1-2 p.m. playing contemporary jazz and new arrangements of jazz classics. The choir will be singing in the Little Theatre from 11-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-1 p.m.

"I think that open house is good for the community as well as the campus," Michael Kinney, professor of music. It allows the community to get a glimpse of the diverse opportunities available for incoming students."

# Short Takes

## Children's Choir to perform locally

Former BCC music professor, Jean Herman Hessler, returns to the Triple Cities area this spring as accompanist for the Sindelfingen Children's Choir from West Germany on their East Coast Tour.

Roberson Center will host the choir's concert on Friday evening, June 1.

Housing is needed for children in the choir or their chaperones. Anyone wishing to be a host family, can contact Becky Bennett, English Department, ext. 5044 or 5021.

The campus community is invited to attend the concert.

## Contest offers prizes for your poems

The American Poetry Association will award \$11,000 to the best 152 poems.

Poets may send up to 6 poems, each no more than 20 lines, with name and address on every page. The poems must be postmarked by March 31, with a new contest starting on April 1.

Address all entries to:

American Poetry Association,  
Dept. CO-40, 250-A Potrero St.,  
P.O. box 1803, Santa Cruz, CA, 95061.

## Grant funds female returning students

The South New York Branch of the American Association of University Women, AAUW, has made available a \$250 grant for a local woman whose college studies have been interrupted for at least one year.

To qualify an applicant must be enrolled as a part-time student in a local college for at least 3 credit hours. Students must also have successfully completed at least one course in a recent semester.

Students interested must apply by April 30, 1990, applications are available at the Financial Aid Office, Wales-101.

## Deadline for literary magazine nearing

The deadline for entries in the fourteenth-edition of the college's literary magazine is April 3.

All work must be double spaced and length will be determined by available space. Material can be turned in at L-9 or T-121.

For more information, call Ernest Giordani, 771-5132, or talk to any member of his creative writing class.

## Lively Arts club plans Philadelphia trip

The BCC Lively Arts Club is planning a trip to two Philadelphia museums and a shopping mall on April 21.

The museums toured will be The University of Pennsylvania Archeological Museum and the Philadelphia Museum of Fine Art.

Tickets for the bus is \$12, with special student rates of \$1 and \$2.50 at the respective museums. Busses will be leaving the campus at 6:30 a.m.

For more information contact Richard Barons at 771-5105.

## Foundation looking for telemarketers

Telemarketers are needed for BCC Foundation's Annual Spring Phonathon.

The funds raised will be used for programs and services that would not be available otherwise.

Experience is not necessary, but callers must have a clear speaking voice and be enthusiastic.

Calling dates are March 29 and April 2-5 from 6-9 p.m. Callers will be paid \$5 an hour.

For further information, contact Marianna Diehl at the Foundation office, 771-5182.

## Placement Office offers workshops

The placement office will be sponsoring two workshops on employment techniques.

The workshops are scheduled on Thursday, March 29, from 2-4 p.m. in T-210 and Wednesday, April 4 from 1-3 p.m. in T-211.

Topics to be covered include resume writing, letters of application, interview preparations and follow-up letters.

For more information stop in the placement office in W-201 or call 771-5205.

## PACE offers Child Care Scholarship Fund

The Child Care Scholarship Fund is providing full or partial funding for the cost of child care to students who are not covered by other sources.

Applications can be picked up at the PACE office, SA-213.

To qualify for grants, students must prove financial need and must be carrying at least 6 credit hours.

Documentation of academic and financial status will be required.

## Hospital offers \$5,000 towards tuition

White Plains Hospital Center is offering nursing students financial assistance through the Milstein Scholarship Program.

The program provides up to \$5,000 of tuition costs per year in exchange for employment upon graduation.

Applicants are eligible to receive assistance for the second year of a two-year program and the first two years of a four-year program.

For Additional information and applications, contact Rosemarie Codella or Linda Smith at 1-800-223-7090.

If you have a brief that you would like included in Short Takes please contact Judi Kelly at 772-0271 or at the Fulcrum, 771-5110.

# Open House schedule

Starting 10 a.m.

11 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

### CAREER CONVERSATIONS

Civil Engineering Technology M-107  
Non-Traditional Careers AT-119  
Health professions overview B-232  
Environmental careers S-110

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Fitness Lab Tours Student Center  
Open theater rehearsal Little Theatre

### DEMONSTRATIONS

Strength of Materials M-114  
Industrial Robot AT-208  
Programmable Controllers of the  
Flow of Electrical Energy AT-208  
How AM Radio Works AT-213  
Satellite Communications AT-213  
How Computers Digitize and  
Reproduce Human Speech AT-217  
Circuit Boards Design AT-204  
Basketball stunts SC Baldwin Gym

### OPEN LABS

Machines and Controls AT-208  
Electronics Lab AT-213  
Digital Electronics AT-217  
Design and Fabrication AT-204  
Instrumental Analysis Lab SA-113  
(11 a.m. - 2 p.m.)  
Soil & Construction Materials M-113  
Surveying Lab M-111  
Structural Design & Drafting M-111/203

Fluids & Thermodynamics M-107  
Strength of Materials M-114  
Manufacturing Process M-100  
Metallurgy & Engineering M-101  
Drafting & Design M-202  
Model Secretarial Office B-132  
(10 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

### SPECIAL INTEREST ITEMS

Summer Registration AT-Atrium  
Campus Tours B-Lounge  
minute full campus tours  
begin in the Business Building  
Lounge every half hour beginning  
at 10:30 a.m. Last tour at 3 p.m.  
Library Tours 30-minute tours of  
library (11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m.)

### SPECIAL EVENTS

College Bowl: Competes in a friendly  
but serious show of knowledge  
against members of BCC's Phi Theta  
Kappa.

10:30 a.m.

### CAREER CONVERSATIONS

Dental Hygiene S-106  
Medical Assisting B-044  
Medical Lab Technology T-116  
Medical Records Technology B-031  
Nursing F-107  
Radiologic Technology (X-Ray) B-020  
Physical Therapy SA-106

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Guided Tour of Campus B-Lounge

### DEMONSTRATIONS

Blood pressure screening (10:30-  
11:30 a.m., 1:30 -2:30 p.m.)  
X-rays of inanimate objects (10:30 -  
2:30 p.m.) B-020

### CAREER CONVERSATIONS

Dental Hygiene S-106  
Medical Assisting B-044  
Medical Lab Technology T-116  
Medical Records Technology T-116  
Nursing F-107  
Radiologic Technology B-020  
Physical Therapy SA-106  
Travel & Tourism B-106  
Engineering Science AT-117  
Liberal Arts Career T-111  
Criminal Justice AUX-103  
Early Childhood/Paralegal T-112  
Mental Health T-120  
Computer Studies AT-010

### SPECIAL EVENTS

College Choir Concert Cafeteria

### DEMONSTRATIONS

Fluids & Thermodynamics M-107  
Flight Simulator AT-100A  
Basketball Stunts Baldwin Gym  
Free water testing (11 a.m.-2 p.m.)

### PRESENTATIONS

Financial Aid Workshop AT-200  
Part-Time Student Info AT-200  
Differently Abled students L-101  
Honors Program T-110  
Software in "First Choice" and  
"Lotus Spreadsheet" AT-002

### FREE CLASSES

"Five Tips to Help You Do Well at  
BCC" (Maria Santos) B-220  
"How to Handle the Everyday Stress  
of College" (Fran Battisti) B-232

11:20 a.m.

### DEMONSTRATIONS

Strength of Materials M-114

11:40 a.m.

### CAREER CONVERSATIONS

Music and Theater Little Theater

### DEMONSTRATIONS

Manufacturing Process M-100

Noon

### CAREER CONVERSATIONS

Office Technology B-110  
Communications & Media Arts T-103

### DEMONSTRATIONS

Computers in Engineering AT-107  
Basketball Stunts Baldwin Gym  
Software "First Choice" AT-010

### PRESENTATIONS

Financial Aid Workshop AT-200

### FREE CLASSES

"Cut and Pierced Lampshades  
(Barb Bayer) B-219  
"How to Handle the Everyday Stress  
of College" B-232

### SPECIAL EVENTS

College Choir Concert: Cafeteria

### PRESENTATIONS

Admissions Process AT-200

1 p.m.

### CAREER CONVERSATIONS

Electrical Engineering Tech AT-215  
Mechanical Engineering Tech M-107  
Health Professions overview B-232  
Business Department overview B-110  
Criminal Justice AUX-103  
Computer Studies AT-010  
Creative Writing T-120

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Jazz Band Concert: SC Baldwin Gym  
BCC Women's Softball Field  
(vs. Jefferson Community College)  
BCC Men's Tennis Courts  
(vs. Monroe Community College)

### DEMONSTRATIONS

"Automated Traffic Controller" AT-107

### PRESENTATIONS

Financial Aid Workshop AT-200  
Part-Time Student Information AT-200  
Differently Abled L-101  
Job Placement for Graduates AT-118  
Honors Program T-110

### FREE CLASSES

"Five Study Tips" B-220  
"Everyone Can do Crafts" B-232

1:30 p.m.

### CAREER CONVERSATIONS

Dental Hygiene S-106  
Medical Assisting B-044  
Medical Lab Technology T-116  
Medical Records Technology B-031  
Nursing F-107  
Radiologic Technology B-020  
Physical Therapy SA-106

### PRESENTATIONS

BCC Admissions Process AT-200

2 p.m.

### CAREER CONVERSATIONS

Liberal Arts T-101  
Mental Health T-120  
Dental Hygiene S-106  
Medical Assisting B-044  
Medical Lab Technology T-116  
Medical Records Technology B-031  
Nursing F-107  
Radiologic Technology B-020  
Physical Therapy SA-106

### DEMONSTRATIONS

Thermodynamics M-107  
Basketball Stunts SC Baldwin Gym  
Strength of Materials M-114  
Manufacturing Process M-100  
Financial Aid Workshop AT-200  
Admissions Workshop AT-200

3 p.m.

Financial Aid workshop AT-200  
Part-time student info AT-200

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**Help wanted--** Put your phone techniques to work at the BCC Foundation's annual Fund Spring Phonathon. Help to raise private donations for BCC. March 28-29; April 2-5 from 6-9 p.m. at Wales-107. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. \$5/hour. For more information call Marianna Diehl 771-5182 in W-107.

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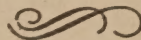
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# Foes look for common ground

By MIKE FARRELL  
Editorial Page editor

A Palestinian man and an Israeli woman came to BCC last week as part of an effort to overcome long-standing religious and political differences between their peoples.

The discussion, which was one in a series they are conducting across the country, was sponsored by the BCC Student Program Board on Wednesday, March 21, at 8 p.m.

They have given other such forums in Washington D.C., Denver and Cleveland.

Mohammed Abu-Nimir, the Palestinian, and Simona Sharoni, the Israeli,

are members of the Institute for Peace at Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salom (Oasis for Peace), a small cooperative village of Israeli Arabs and Jews located on the border between Israel and the West Bank.

They both lived in the village but met as graduate students at George Mason University.

"I consider myself an Arab Israeli and not as a Palestinian," said Abu-Nimir. He said he was not allowed to study the Islamic religion in school. "I think that when you repress an identity, you encourage it to be used," he said.

But he said, "I will work in peaceful co-existence with the Jews."

Abu-Nimir used an example of a three-story house to describe the negotiat-

ing position between the Palestinians and Israelis. He said that the Palestinians used to control the first floor, but when the Jews came, they took over the first floor and forced them to the second floor.

Then when the Jews took the second floor, they had to move to the third and had nowhere else to go. This is the position that they have to negotiate from now, explained Abu-Nimir.

Sharoni said, "I feel that this sort of situation (Peace talks between Palestinians and Israelis) is supposed to provide people with better coping skills with their environment. When I say 'coping skills,' I don't mean a recipe. It's nothing instant. I don't think that people in conflict areas can do it from a textbook.

"When I talk about 'coping skills,'

I'm talking about developing some critical thinking and making progress so that we can get to a stage of being confronted with a challenge living in a difficult political environment; being able to think creatively, to generate more alternatives and to seek more options better than war."

For approximately 40 years or more relations between the two factions has been marked by intense hatred, misunderstanding and bloodshed.

In spite of past relations some Israelis and Palestinians are looking ahead to peace and reconciliation, the two said.

Both admit that their message of peace is against the thoughts of others, but agree that peace is the only way to alleviate the current problem.

## SGA to subsidize bus passes during April

By ANGELA TURNER

The Student Government Association armed with new members last week agreed to subsidize bus tickets for at least 50 students next month.

SGA will give students a \$6 discount on bus passes for the month of April in an effort to encourage greater use of the bus at discounted prices. Bus passes normally cost \$16.

"It goes along with the colleges Earth day projects," said Stanley Meadows, the SGA vice-president for financial affairs.

Earth Day, which will be celebrated the week of April 23, is designed to increase awareness of environmental issues affecting the earth.

"If fewer students are driving to classes it will help to cut down on pollution," Meadows said.

"This is a trial basis," said Michelle Turock, SGA president. She said future student bus passes will be available according to student need.

Passes are available in the Student Affairs building on a first-come first-serve basis.

The SGA is also holding elections for SGA executive offices, including president, for the 1990-91 year. Voting for senators is held in the fall.

"The elections we just had were to fill vacancies," said Michael McMahon, senator. Petitions are available the first week of April and will be due April 20.

Voting will take place on the April 25 in the Student Center, and on April 26 in Titchner Hall. Voters must show a valid BCC ID.

For more information stop by the SGA office in room 103 of the Student Affairs building.

## Children's fair this weekend

By SANDY ACEVEDO

The 10th annual Children's Fair will be held on Saturday, March 31, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Student Center, providing activities for children and offering information about childcare to parents.

The event is sponsored by the Early Childhood program coordinated by Barbara Nilsen, and the Binghamton Association for the Education of Young Children (BAEYC), which is a professional organization of teachers and caregivers to young children between birth and 8 years of age.

The funds earned will the BAEYC Community Outreach. It will also give Early Childhood students the opportunity to obtain more experience with childcare by planning activities focused on children. The event culminates the Week of the Young Child.

"The gym will be divided into two sections," said Nilsen, "there will be table toys, art, exercises, dramatic plays, music, stories, etc." The theater will be presenting children's productions and performances such as violins, dances, etc.. The cafeteria will provide a nutritious lunch. Informational booths put up by child care providers make information available to parents. In addition, the Broome County Child Development Council will provide information about how parents can find childcare.

Tickets can be purchased at the door. Prices are \$1.50 per child and free for adults. The public is invited to attend.

intensely involved.

He said he hopes the report answers such questions as: "Are we teaching as effectively as we could?" "How does it affect transfers and job seekers?" "What documentation is there to prove it?"

Crandell said the 264-page report is "forthright, honest, and objective" and the focus is on students and learning "as it should be."



Foot power

A break in the weather gives Randy Pruitt good reason to pedal to school. The geological science major regularly bikes between the college and SUNY-B. (Peter Shafer photo)

## Dinner\dance offers diversity

By AARON MARTIN

The cafeteria in the student center was decorated with flags of nearly 86 countries as the International Student Organization held its annual dinner/dance.

The dinner/dance, which took place on March 23, featured displays, food, and entertainment for the many foreign countries that ISO represents.

At the base of some of the flags were tables that had different artifacts and other objects about the country. All of the displays had brochures, arts and crafts, picture postcards and a map of the country, while others included boy scout patches, a customized dress from Costa Rica, a coffee-maker from Colombia and a steel drum from Grenada.

While the cafeteria filled with people, the kitchen bustled as the students prepared their native dishes. The food was arranged on three tables with a couple varieties on from each country. There was Aloo Matar (green peas with potatoes) from India, Tempura (green beans, sweet potatoes, onion and carrots) from Japan and hot chicken wings for United States.

After the dinner was finished some students performed songs and native dances for the crowd.

Each performer was introduced by Sandra Acevedo, former ISO president. The first act featured Yukato Sato on guitar and Adis Morales, Costa Rica, singing "America."

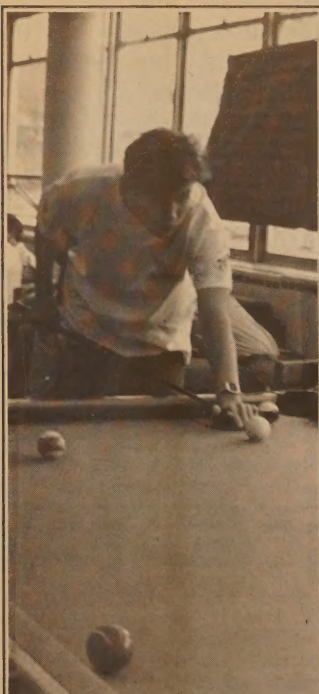
Next was "El Punto" a dance that told a story of two in love. Panamanians, Lourdes Rios and Angel Urena, danced in traditional garb showing each other their love in the form of dance. Urena's dress was completely hand made her country.

Smitha Paramasivaiah, current ISO president, also contributed to the evening's entertainment with two songs, "Sanam Peri Kasam" and "Aaja Sanam." Paramasivaiah said the purpose of ISO is "for American students to know how many international students there are here and to take advantage of the culture."

She said that she notices many American students shying a way from the diverse international groups on campus and should join the club to share their cultural and political ideas with someone from a different country.

She said the word organization shouldn't scare people away. "It's only a name...I urge anyone to join."

The money raised from the dinner/dance will go towards a trip to Boston for the students.



Cuing up

Soviet visitor Arkadi Nikolaev lines up a shot during a visit to the student union. He was one of several Soviets on campus. See story, page 1.

## MIDDLE STATES

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campus subcommittee was formed to see whether the steering committee met its objectives. Crandell also sent samples of some of the findings to Middle States.

The evaluation committee told the campus to be more thorough. As a result, everyone working on the project got more

'Lord of the Flies' remake good, not great

By MATT STEFLIK  
Comics editor

Under the billing of "The Classic Story of Conflict and Survival", director Harry Hook has created a modern and upbeat film version of William Golding's novel, *Lord of the Flies*. The only question is: why?

Anyone who has taken High School English should be familiar with the plot: when their plane is shot down, a group of young English military students are stranded on a desolate desert island, where they quickly abandon civilized behavior in favor of man's baser animal instincts to survive. However, there are some major differences between the plot in the book and the movie.

Rather than set it during a past, wartime period as Golding does in his novel, Hook modernizes it, setting it to current time. Also, he uses American military students rather than English.

Perhaps the greatest change in the plot, however, is the "monster" that boys think inhabit the island. In Golding's book, it was the body of a parachutist from a jet that went down in a dogfight near the island. Since Hook's version isn't set in a time of war, this would seem to cause a problem, right? Wrong.

Instead, he has the pilot of the boys' plane survive and get to the island with them, where, because of head injuries sustained in the crash, he goes insane and runs away from the boys, later dying in a cave.

Other than these changes, the movie followed the plot fairly well, and, overall the film was good. The director of photography, Martin Fuhrer, managed to capture a lot of the raw intensity and emotion of the boys on film, further complimented by a fantastic score composed by Philippe Sarde.

It was even well acted. The young cast, composed entirely of previously unknown child actors, did a fantastic job, and this film will surely be a springboard for several of their careers.

This still leaves the question of why this film was made. In 1963, Director Peter Brook made the first film version of Golding's novel. The black and white epic followed the novel exactly, and was painfully moving and thought provoking. It did great justice to Golding's insights on the darker side of man - his inherent bestial nature. If the message had already been achieved, why the remake? To make it better? If this was Hook's intention, I'm afraid he failed.

Sure, by modernizing and "Americanizing" it, you have a lot of cute references to things in our society, like glowsticks, Alf, and Rambo, but at what cost? You also get a lot more gore and a lot more vulgarity. Although they are a mainstay of modern film-making, I'm really not sure that it lent anything to the film.

In Golding's novel, having the original characters be English, with their strict English mannerisms and habits, made their fall from civilized behavior that much more poignant and terrifying. You lost some of this in this film.

In short, although Hook's *Lord of the Flies* is a good film, it's just another "Classic Story" of an attempted remake falling short of the mark, and not really contributing anything to the original version.

## Choir of Clare College to sing at BCC

By MATT STEFLIK  
Comics editor

The Choir of Clare College, Cambridge University, will be performing a special concert at Broome Community College on Monday, April 2. The program will be given in the Little Theater at 12:30 p.m., and admission will be free to BCC students.

Since its creation in 1971, the choir has gained a reputation for excellence, and is held in regard as being one of the finest university choral groups in England.

The choir exists mainly to perform regular choral services three times a week at the college

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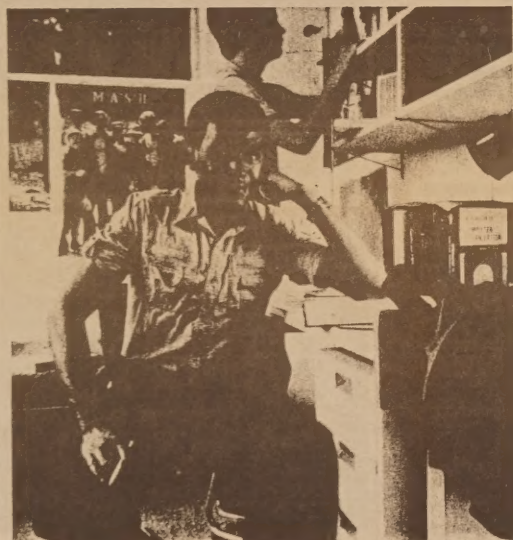
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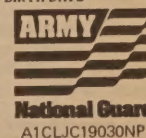
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YUP. I'M  
GOIN' OUT  
WITH INGA  
AGAIN.

INGA AGAIN? THAT'S  
3 TIMES THIS WEEK!  
ISN'T SHE THAT  
GERMAN EXCHANGE  
STUDENT?

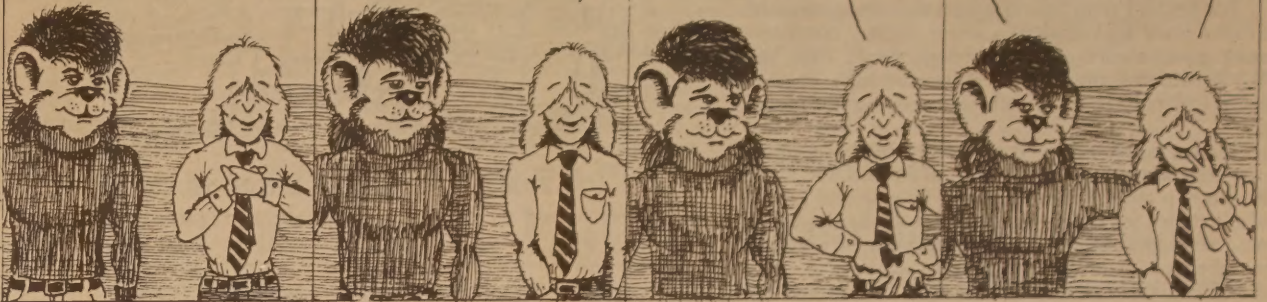
YUP. I REALLY  
LIKE HER,  
SAM.

IT'S LIKE AN ENTIRELY NEW  
EXPERIENCE, SAM... SHE'S LIKE  
A SLEEK IMPORTED CAR...  
WHEN I'M WITH HER, I GET  
THIS FEELING... I DON'T KNOW  
THIS FEELING OF...

LOVE?

NAH, MORE  
LIKE  
FAHRVERGNÜGEN.

RAT TALES



CID

JULIE DOKIS

IT'S GETTING CLOSE TO THE  
LAST DAY TO DROP CLASSES  
AND I'VE BEEN HEARING A LOT  
OF PEOPLE SAYING THAT THEY'RE  
GOING TO DROP CLASSES.



I THINK MOST OF THEM ARE  
GIVING UP TOO EASILY. I KNOW  
THEY COULD MAKE IT IF THEY  
WOULD REALLY TRY.



BUT, I ALSO THINK THAT  
SOME PEOPLE SHOULD DROP.  
BUT, IT'S HARD TO KNOW WHEN  
YOU REALLY SHOULD DROP - TO  
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# Editorials

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## Free Lithuania

Recent events in Lithuania have led the government of the Soviet Union to impress their own views on Lithuania's declaration of independence.

The Soviet Union has expressed their disapproval of the move made by Lithuania's newly elected, non-communist government's vote for independence from the U.S.S.R. Moscow continues to put pressure on the government of Lithuania to recall their declaration of independence.

Lithuania was last incorporated into the Soviet Union during the time of Josef Stalin's rule of the U.S.S.R. along with the two other Baltic countries, Estonia and Latvia. Stalin's desire for buffer states so that the Soviet Union would never again be invaded by a foreign country brought about the creation of the Eastern Bloc. At the time many western European nations and the U.S. condemned the action as an injustice to those countries forced under the communist umbrella by the Soviet Union's military.

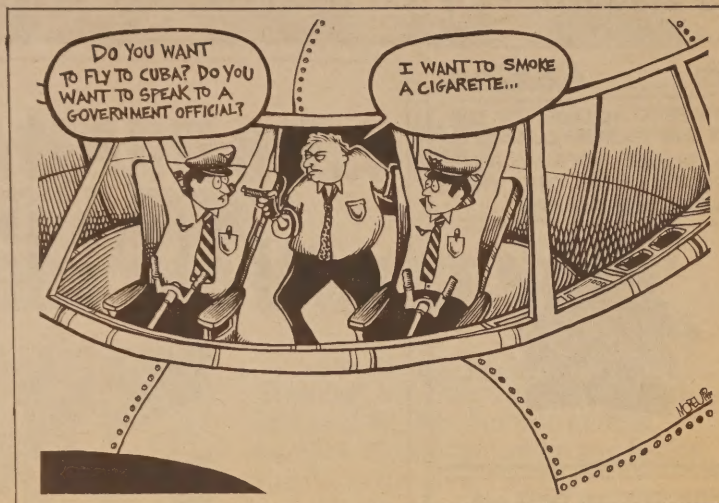
Some argue that if Lithuania achieves total independence that every other Soviet republic with a different culture will want independence and leave the Soviet Union as a small little country rivaling the size of South Africa.

The chances of that happening are slim, but that is the price that they might have to pay for further reforms in the infrastructure of the communist hold on political power and other democratic reforms in the country.

Lithuania deserves to be its own country not just because of a difference in cultures, but because they were betrayed by the Soviets in the post-WWII era when the Soviet Union took over.

The U.S.S.R. is doing a lot of saber rattling with troop movements and ordering the Lithuanians to take back their declaration. Also the Soviets, according to Lithuania, have bussed in people from other nearby republics to stage protests against Lithuania seceding from the Soviet Union.

Is this fair for the tiny Baltic country? The only justice that can be done to Lithuania and its people is for their country to be what it once was: an independent nation.



## Letter to the editor

### Rushdie column generalizes

Dear Editor,

This letter is concerning the February 14 column entitled: "Author example of religious persecution," which appeared in the Fulcrum's "Opinion" section. Matt Steflik looked at the dynamics and impact of The Satanic Verses and The Last Temptation of Christ.

Steflik felt that the uproar created was tragic. While I agree that the late Ayatollah Khomeini's death threat was tragic, I must strongly, but not quite violently, disagree with his gross generalizations about Muslims and Catholics; his underestimation of the power of words; finally, and most disturbing, his failure to understand the message in fiction.

Unfortunately, Steflik wants to portray all Catholics and Muslims through the examples of a few extremists—an increasingly popular tactic as of late.

For example, he viewed Catholics as resurrecting the days of witch burning, and Muslims as venerating violence as their god.

Neither a Muslim or a Catholic myself, I do know that these characterizations are largely erroneous. Sure there are fanatics, as with any group, organization or religious denomination. However, how can you blame any religious group whose spiritual head has been mocked from being upset, to say the least?

Secondly, Steflik contends, "It is, after all, only a book. One

man's opinion." The implied message here is that mere words cannot harm; so just relax. However, the author's words can carry a tremendous amount of weight. For instance, was Uncle Tom's Cabin just mere words?

Finally, and most unsettling, Mr. Steflik viewed The Last Temptation of Christ as: "...just an idea. A fantasy. A possibility. Nothing more." While superficially this appears responsible, there is something that he's missing. Storytelling, be it via novels, movies, television, etc., is not only fictitious, but is also thematic. Writers, whether for television, books or movies often have a clear idea to convey.

For example, have you noticed the "star" as of late doesn't smoke, drink and drive, nor take drugs. Get the idea—some powerful people are trying to curb: smoking related illnesses and deaths, alcohol related automobile accidents, and drug addiction—or is that imposing their morality on us?

My point is that Catholics and Christians in general, viewed Scorsese's message on a deeper level, and exercised their right to "speak out." To them, and to me, such fantasies and possibilities are beliefs that warranted our attention.

As Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes stated, "Every idea is an indictment. It offers itself for belief, and if believed, it is acted on unless some other belief outweighs it, or some failure on energy stifles the movements at its birth."

Sincerely,  
Robert N. Fernandez

## Lecture informative

On Wednesday March 21, BCC was fortunate to host a talk by Simona Sharoni, an Israeli woman, and Mohammad Abu-Nimir, a Palestinian man, about the current situation between the Palestinians and the Israelis in Israel.

Their stop at BCC brought their personal experiences as an Israeli and Palestinian during the troubles that have occurred in Israel over the years since 1947.

Mohammad Abu-Nimir presented his views and experiences in Israel through the eyes of a Palestinian living with Israelis throughout his lifetime.

One examples he gave of being a Palestinian in Israel was that he couldn't study the Islamic religion in the school he attended.

Simona Sharoni gave her views on the situation in Israel when she lived there. She also gave her opinions as to how a peaceful solution can be reached between the two factions.

Both of them agree on how the situation should be solved through peaceful measures. They both agreed that there is bound to be confrontation between the two peoples, but that it was necessary in a peaceful way. We would like to thank them and the people who brought them here for enlightening us on a problem that is a half a world away.

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### Students should be more concerned over sexual crimes

Dear editor,

Recent concern with preventing sex crimes has become apparent here at BCC as on all campuses. An enlightening article appeared in the last issue of the Fulcrum, asserting the need for awareness as the best prevention. We have also heard several other suggestions such as rape phones and better lighting on campus.

While protection is important, our aim should certainly be prevention. When both a seminar

and a play on date rape are cancelled because of lack of attendance, what are we saying? If approximately 50 percent of all rapes are committed in the house of the victim, what good will phones and lights do? An understanding of why rape occurs is essential even if students must attend mandatory seminars. We could just think of it as the proverbial apple a day that could someday keep the rapist away.

Sincerely,  
Judith Kelly

## Have a happy Easter

# Look beyond the wrapper

Think back to when you were little and you got your first box of crayons. They were probably made for little hands and there were only eight colors. Later boxes had 16, then 24, then 48, until finally the jumbo 64 box with the built in crayon sharpener.

Some kids eat their crayons, some put them on the register and watch them melt. But all of them at some point learn to mix and match color schemes in their coloring books.

Children instinctively know that putting colors at the opposite ends of the spectrum together only makes them more brilliant.

Then why as young adults do we sometimes separate the colors we see in

## Rick Tuttle

each other?

People too, like crayons, come in an array of different shapes and sizes. The image that each instills on a blank sheet of paper is the same, for it is the insides that make them unique, not the outside wrapper.

I can't believe it when I hear a BCC student verbally assault another behind his or her back based solely on these outer wrappings. Even worse is when the student doesn't even know his verbal victim is within earshot. Hatred is too powerful and contagious a force to be perpetuated

by such children.

There are a million reasons to dislike a person, but at least do based on something substantial. If someone is a jerk, so be it, but if you prejudge a person before you know them, you could be denying yourself a genuinely terrific person, as well as promoting ignorance.

It is the natural differences in people that should bring out the best in them, rather than the worst in them. During the unusually warm weather last week, I witnessed examples of both of these.

People are not crayons though. Their shades are more subtle. Where crayons break people bend. They bend to the expectations we have of each other. You can

expect the best in each other, or you can expect the worst. The choice is yours. To me, the choice is as obvious as if written on a blackboard.

Maybe it is somewhat natural to hear a few harsh words directed against those different than ourselves. If it is, then it is also natural to catch ourselves, and right our wrongs by perpetuating understanding with the same energy used in perpetuating prejudice.

Every single day can tear you down, do we really need to do it to each other? So play nice, and you just might find you have something to share of yourself infinitely more important than crayons. Anything else would make this coloring book world seem, well, less than bright!

# Recycling no trend, but an absolute need

By SANDY BABUKA

To begin with I would like to correct the title of my last guest article. The title read "We must learn to recycle what we don't use." Obviously, if we don't use it, we would have no need to recycle it. What it should have said was "We must learn to recycle what we can't reuse."

I had quite a time trying to convince a fellow student that with 5.2 billion people on the earth, there is a dire need to recycle and conserve our resources. I really don't come across too many people hard to convince, but I feel the desperate need to get him to understand and think about it. It seemed like knocking my head against a brick wall.

I was reminded of another wall that many people thought they would never knock down, the Berlin wall. No one ever believed that this wall would someday be down and the people would be working together for a cause they believed in so dearly, democracy.

What is the difference here? We are growing from a disposable society, a culture we have gotten use too, to a recycling and conservative society. Not out of trend, but out of absolute need, absolute desperation as the crisis is upon us that there WILL BE NO MORE space for both people and garbage in a little over 100 years if we keep up our wasteful ways.

I am not an activist, I am a realist. I follow statistics, I study what was, and what is no more. It is really important that we react now with conservative measures to save our future earth. The children of today are in tune to all of this, they are teaching their parents.

The students here at BCC are in between, we have had enough of the disposable society to have adapted well to it, but we are going to be around for another fifty or sixty years to see the consequences of that society.

We have a chance to change-to make a difference. It has been said that every generation has had it's war to fight.

The forties had WWII, the sixties had Vietnam and the sexual revolution. The eighties have the war of the garbage, who is to win? People, or trash the earth.

As far as BCC goes, a paper recycling program is due to begin this summer. That is a start.

Many schools and businesses have successfully conserved and recycled 70% of their generated trash. We can too!

Hopefully, we can move right into a glass and aluminum recycling program from the material sold out of the cafeteria and juice machines. We can stop using the styrofoam cups supplied in the cafeteria, they do not degrade and last 400-500 years in the landfill.

We can lobby ARA to get rid of the plastic cups in the machines, it is readily available to supply paper cups. Even with wax coating they slowly degrade, plastic does not. We can stop littering around the campus, receptacles are always nearby. Most of all, we can think-really think about what we are doing for our future. Not just by educating ourselves for better jobs, but for laying out a safer culture without which our jobs will be meaningless.

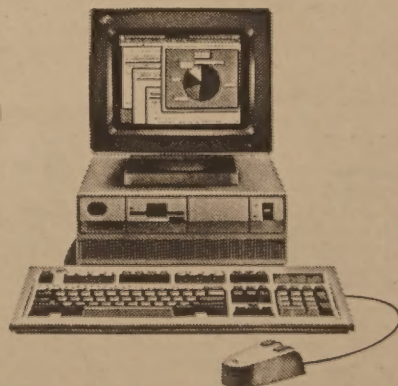
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# Baseball team heads south

By MARIA MILLER

The Broome Baseball team leaves for Maryland Thursday March 29 to begin its spring training.

The team will play three games, to prepare for their upcoming season. The objective, according to coach David Michalak for spring training is not to win, but it is to get ready for a good season.

The schedule for the team is quite different from last year. Usually the team goes over spring break, but this year they are only able to go for four days, because the team's season falls right in the middle of the spring break.

The team will play Montgomery College/German Town, Hagerstown Jr. College and Fredrick Community College.

Michalak said he is very optimistic about this trip because the team is a little more prepared this year because it has already had a week outside unlike most years.

Michalak said the trip is a ritual to the program. His only regret is that the college doesn't help fund the trip. The team raises all the money for the trip by



BCC's Mike Kurty takes a few practice swings before stepping into the batter's box. (photos by Pete Shafer)

selling ads which are published in their program.

Michalak said he wished the college



Infielder Rob Carr swings away as catcher Todd Graham watches. The baseball team is headed to Maryland to play three teams before coming north for the start of the season.

would make-up the difference in the amount raised. The college does provide transportation for the team, "The vans are a big help," he said, "I wish they would go be-

yond that." The trip costs close to \$2,000.

Right after the team returns home their season begins. The first home game is Wednesday April 4.

## Lockwood unsure over golf season

While golf coach Wayne Lockwood is looking forward to this season, he is not sure of what it might bring because of a small turn-out for the team.

"Normally we have 15 or 16 people come out for the team," Lockwood said. This year the golf team has just 11 members, Lockwood said.

"For the first time in my 17 seasons, I will not have any returning starters from last season."

"I had two freshman last season, but they transferred to different colleges. So this season will be kind of up in the air until our first tournament at Monroe College in Rochester on April 9th."

One of the main goals that Lockwood would like the team to reach is winning the regional tournament in Delhi.

Lockwood said that because of the recent weather the team hasn't had much time to practice.

Tryouts for the team are April 6-8 at the Endwell Greens Golf Course.

## Softball team poised for start of season

By MIKE O'HARA

Following two weeks of workouts, the woman's softball team is poised to begin the 1990 season at BCC.

Coach Renee Spear is optimistic about the chances of this year's team with three players returning from last year's squad and the addition of Jacquie Zarecki and Rebecca Seeburg who will share pitching duties for the Hornets.

"Our pitching should be a strong point for us this year," Spear said, "both Jacquie and Rebecca have shown promise at that position."

Returning players include Kara Cadden, Jennifer Russell, and Anastasia Koulikas who helped the team overcome a slow start and post victories in five of the team's last six games to close out the season at 9-7 in the region and 9-9 overall. The rest of the team consists of Rosa Cedano, Jenelli Fabi, Dawn Miller, Jacquelyn Elbrecht, Kelly Davis, Casie Canniff, Michelle Kvasny, and JoAnn Kumroe. Coach Spear said that player position is still being determined with many on the team filling dual roles.

The team begins play April 3 with a home date against Keystone Jr. College.

## Men's tennis short on players

By ERIC MOYER  
Sports editor

Faced with shortage of players Men's tennis Coach Ozmun Winters is extending an invitation to anyone who wants to play tennis this season.

"We just finished our first week of practice. We only have 10 guys on the team," said Winters, also the chairperson of physical education, "I was hoping to have more people come out."

"We lost some players because they were ineligible to play, others to jobs and

some wanted to spend more time on keeping their grades."

Winters said that he has only three returning players. Mark Winegar who had an overall record of 17-1 and Eric Solecky 7-6 overall for 1989. In addition, from the 1988 team there is Bill Cuddeback who took a year off.

Winters said that he wanted work on the individual goals and weakness of the team before the start of the season. The tennis team's first game is at Elmira College April 2. The first home game is April

5 against Cazenovia.

Winters has been coaching since 1965, a year after the tennis team was created.

Since then he has had seven undefeated seasons, including streak of five straight from 1969 to 1973. His teams have ranked first in Region III 10 times and in 1979, 1980, and 1981 the teams finished first, second and third respectively, in state tournaments.

His teams have also been ranked nationally eight times. Winters' overall record is 256 wins 50 losses and 1 tie.

### Corrections:

An article in the last issue of the Fulcrum on drug use among BCC athletes incorrectly quoted soccer coach Ed Daub. Daub said he never talked to the reporter. The story was for a reporting class and the student was never a member of the staff on the Fulcrum.

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